

# June 2011



The Newsletter of Felixstowe Town Council

## **TOWN TALK**

#### **Elections**

On Thursday 5th May 2011, elections took place for Felixstowe Town Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council, as well as a national referendum on the voting system for United Kingdom parliamentary elections. Elections for the Town Council and District Council take place every four years and are administered centrally for the district by Suffolk Coastal District Council. Full details of the newly elected Town Councillors are overleaf. Please feel free to contact your Ward Councillor or indeed any other Town Councillor on any relevant matter. The Mayor of Felixstowe and Deputy Mayor are elected annually each May by Town Councillors.

## **Mayoral Update**

The outgoing Mayor and Mayoress of Felixstowe, Councillors Jon and Jan Garfield, have had a busy civic year representing the town at various events and engagements. At the Civic Awards evening in April, the Mayor presented the winners with certificates to celebrate their excellent work carried out in the local community. This year's deserving winners, who were warmly thanked for their commitment and contribution to Felixstowe were:

Harriet Bennett for her contribution to music and fund raising, a joint award to Barbara Durrance and Christine Gage for their fundraising efforts to raise money for the new Guide Headquarters, Flying Officer Carolyn Garrett for her work with the 356 Felixstowe Squadron of the Air Training Corps, Gareth Kemp for his work with the Lions Club of Felixstowe, and Sue Tod for her work with the Felixstowe History and Museum Society.

HMS Ganges Youth Trophy - Orwell High School Council for work carried out in the local community and with other schools in particular those overseas.

**HMS Ganges Certificate of Commendation** - **James Shenfield** for his work with the Felixstowe Royal Artillery Suffolk ACF.

Felixstowe Town Council Organisation Award - Felixstowe Town Pastors for their assistance with the night time economy.



The Mayor also confirmed that following various fundraising activities throughout the civic year, culminating in the Mayor's Charity Ball, a marvellous total of  $\mathfrak{L}6,400$  had been raised. This was split equally between the two chosen Mayoral charities – the Felixstowe Old People's Welfare Association and the 7th Felixstowe Scout Group.

## **Shared Space**

The County Council led scheme is now complete and has been in operation for some weeks now. The final phase of improvement works to The Triangle area has been finished, with the relocation of the toilet block to the Crescent Road car park. The new public toilet facility also benefits from a "Changing Places" toilet with a specially adapted WC, height-adjustable adult-sized changing bench and a hoist.

The facility is not for independent use and the user must be accompanied by a carer. Further details, including information on how to obtain a key are available from Suffolk Coastal District Council. The newly improved area in The Triangle is available for community use. Please contact the District Council's Felixstowe Futures team at Felixstowe Town Hall on (01394) 444576 should you wish to make a booking. An Opening Ceremony is planned to mark the final completion of the Shared Space scheme on 19th June at midday.

## Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Did you know that Suffolk County Council's Registrar Service is available in Felixstowe? There is a Registrar in Felixstowe two days a week (currently Tuesdays and Friday) based in Felixstowe Town Hall. Many people prefer to see the Registrar in Felixstowe rather than travelling to Ipswich. The Town Council is keen to support this arrangement and keep this service locally as a community facility. Should you wish to make an appointment to see a Registrar please contact the Suffolk Registrar's Service on either 01473 583050 or email ipswich.registrars@suffolk.gov.uk. The Town Hall is also an attractive venue for civil marriages.

#### **Felixstowe in Flower**

Arrangements for the 2011 Felixstowe in Flower scheme are well underway. Despite not entering the formal Anglia in Bloom competition this year, all the Felixstowe competitions are being run as in other years and it is hoped that the town will look as lovely as in previous years. Competitions are open for the following categories:

**Private Front Garden** – Best floral container, window box, hanging basket or tub.

Private Front Garden – Small – under 60 square metres. Private Front Garden – Large – over 60 square metres.

Town Centre - Front Garden.

**Town Centre** – Best floral container, window box, hanging basket or tub.

Commercial Premises – With garden.

Commercial Premises – Without garden.

**Commercial Premises** – Best floral container, window box, hanging basket or tub.

**Residential Home** - Best floral container, window box, hanging basket or tub.

Most Unusual Container.

**Hotel** / **Guest House** - Best floral container, window box, hanging basket or tub.

**Public House** 

Floral Balcony.

Best Use of Colour.

Best Sustainable Planting.

Tallest Sunflower Competition - Grown by someone under 16 years of age.

Sponsorship of hanging baskets, tubs and troughs is being offered and costs have been held at last year's levels



(hanging baskets £50 each, £30 if more than one sponsored and flower tubs / troughs at £65 each including VAT).

This year's prizegiving ceremony will take place on Tuesday 4th October at Brackenbury Leisure Centre, High Road East. Further details, including sponsorship information, is available from the Town Hall in Felixstowe.

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#### **Forthcoming Events**

Over the next few months, the following events are planned:

**18th June**: Birds of prey display, Felixstowe Spa Gardens – 10am to 4pm

19th June: Shared Space Opening Ceremony at the Triangle – midday

25th June: Felixstowe Motorcycle Show - Hamilton Road (Boots to

Barclays & The Triangle) – 10am to 4pm

**3rd & 4th July**: Felixstowe Fuchsia Festival, Trinity Methodist Church, Orwell Road. **3rd July** - 10.30am to 5pm and **4th July** - 1pm to 4pm

3rd July: Darell's Day, Landguard Fort - 10am to 5pm

4th to 9th July: East of England Tennis Tournament – more information: www.eastofenglandtennis.co.uk or tel: 01394 282940

**16th July**: Birds of prey display, Felixstowe Spa Gardens – 10am to 4pm

**16th & 17th July**: Felixstowe & District Flower and Produce Show – more information: www.felixstowehorticultural.co.uk

23rd July: Brass Band Concerts – Spa Gardens – 12.30pm and 1.45pm

6th August: Birds of prey flying displays - Langer Park - 10am to 4pm

**13th to 14th August**: Felixstowe Carnival and Fun Fair – more information: www.felixstowecarnival.org

25th to 28th August: "Beer by the Pier" – Felixstowe Leisure Centre - 25th August – 2pm to 11pm; 26th August – 11am to 11pm; 27th August – 11am to 11pm; 28th August – 11am to 3pm

**27th August** (to be confirmed): Hot Rod & Custom Car Rally – more information: www.rodandcustom.co.uk/nationals

**4th September**: Art on the Prom – 10am to 4pm – more information: www.artontheprom.org

Further details can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre on (01394) 276770 or email ftic@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

## **HOW TO CONTACT US**

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## WHEN WE MEET

The Full Council meets at 7.30pm.

Feel free to come along to our meetings to see and hear what issues we are talking about. There is a public question time at the start of each meeting so that you can let us know your views on Felixstowe issues.

## Forthcoming meetings:

1st June and 3rd August 2011 at Felixstowe Town Hall

## WHAT WE DO....

## Some services the Town Council provides:

•Allotments •Felixstowe in Flower

•Cemetery •Broadway House and Walton Community Hall

•Felixstowe Town Hall Lettings •Youth Forum

•Civic occasions and Flood Memorial

• Grant Support to Local Organisations

## Some of what we do in partnership:

Consultation on planning applications

Highways matters/transport issues

Town Centre Management/Libraries

Safer neighbourhoods

Felixstowe Futures

•Twinning, Christmas Lighting

Play area/sports facilities

#### A LIST OF YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS

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[Felixstowe North/Trimley Division]

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